

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

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**Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, and Misc. Shellfish
Proposal Index of Comments**

This index of on-time advisory committee and public comments shows either SUPPORT or OPPOSITION for the individual proposals at this meeting. The center column indicates a comment was made but without a clear indication of support or opposition. The reference number (ACxx or PCxx) refers to the Advisory Committee comment number or Public Comment number. The full comment as submitted can be found in the Advisory Committee tab or Public Comment tab of the board book (Record Copy 1). The notation of "S/A" indicates support as amended.

Department Comments: N = Neutral, S = Support, O = Oppose, NA = No Action, WS = Withdran Support

		FISH AND GAME	SUPPORT	GENERAL COMMENT	OPPOSITION
Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Shellfish (5 Proposals)					
234	Establish weather criteria to delay opening of commercial fishing periods for sea cucumbers in the Kodiak District of Registration Area J.	N		• Kodiak AC 22	
235	Modify the Chignik District fishing season for sea cucumbers to open two weeks earlier than the remainder of Registration Area J.	N	• Kodiak AC 22		
236	Establish an earlier season closure for the Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, and Aleutian districts' commercial Dungeness crab fisheries.	S	• Kodiak AC 22		
237	Amend the customary and traditional (C&T) use finding for shellfish in the Kodiak Area by adding Tanner crab to the list of shellfish stocks customarily or traditionally taken for subsistence.	S	• Kodiak AC 22		
238	Amend scallop closed waters description.	WS		• Kodiak AC 22	

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Statewide Dungeness Crab (1 Proposal)					
239	Remove Registration Area A from the 72-hour Dungeness crab pot storage limitation requirement.	O		● Sitka AC 3	● Petersburg AC 2
Cook Inlet Razor Clams (5 Proposals)					
240	Reduce the personal use bag and possession limits for razor clams in eastern Cook Inlet.	O	● Central Peninsula AC 8		● Nicky Szarzi PC 16
241	Reduce the personal use bag and possession limits for razor clams in eastern Cook Inlet.	O		● Central Peninsula AC 8	● Homer AC 12 ● Nicky Szarzi PC 16
242	Reduce the sport bag and possession limits for razor clams in eastern Cook Inlet.	O		● Central Peninsula AC 8	● Homer AC 12 ● Nicky Szarzi PC 16
243	Close east Cook Inlet beaches to all razor clam harvest.	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage AC 5 S/A ● Homer AC 12 ● Katherine Covey PC 2 ● Debbie Cary PC 6 ● Jim St. Peter PC 9 ● Elmer Schaetzle PC 12 ● Shawna Arend PC 29 ● Tammy Bear PC 31 	● Central Peninsula AC 8	● Nicky Szarzi PC 16

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244	Establish personal use bag and possession limits for razor clams in West Cook Inlet.	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Homer AC 12 ● Allen Tompkins PC 1 ● Eric Schaetzle PC 7 ● Jim St. Peter PC 8 ● Joseph Simpson PC 10 ● Keith Fosgren PC 11 ● Paul Degner PC 24 ● Jared H. Cockman PC 28 ● Stephen Jakab PC 30 ● Tammy Bear PC 32 	● Elmer Schaetzle PC 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mat-Valley AC 14 ● Michael Garcia PC 13 ● Ernie Kirby PC 27
Prince William Sound Shrimp (16 Proposals)					
<i>Noncommercial (5 Proposals)</i>					
245	Change harvest allocation guidelines under the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan.	N/O		● Mike Sullivan PC 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Whittier AC 20 ● Cordova District Fishermen United PC 5
246	Change harvest strategies under the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan.	N	● Whittier AC 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Cordova District Fishermen United PC 5

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247	Modify pot limits per person and household, and increase the pot limit from five to 10 shrimp pots per vessel.	O/N		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Whittier AC 20 ● Mike Sullivan PC 14
248	Modify reporting requirements for sport and personal use shrimp fishing in the Prince William Sound Area, including monthly reporting.	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage AC 5 ● Central Peninsula AC 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Whittier AC 20
249	Create a subsistence permit for shrimp in the Prince William Sound management area.	N/O		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Whittier AC 20
Commercial (11 Proposals)					
250	Clarify that a person may only register one vessel each season for the Registration Area E shrimp pot fishery.	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage AC 5 ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Whittier AC 20 ● Cordova District Fishermen United PC 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	
251	Amend the boundary between shrimp pot fishing areas in Registration Area E.	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage AC 5 ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Whittier AC 20 ● Cordova District Fishermen United PC 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mat-Valley AC 14 ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Birch Yuknis PC 3

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252	Add additional waters closed to the taking of shrimp with trawl gear and correct coordinates within the closed waters section.	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage AC 5 ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Cordova District Fishermen United PC 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Homer AC 12 ● Whittier AC 20
253	Change Registration Area E shrimp pot commercial fishery designation from exclusive to superexclusive area and season closing date from September 15 to August 1.	N/S		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mat-Valley AC 14 ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage AC 5 ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Whittier AC 20 ● Cordova District Fishermen United PC 5
254	Increase the current 25 percent statistical area harvest cap or restriction to 50 percent of the total commercial guideline harvest level (GHL).	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage AC 5 ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Whittier AC 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Birch Yuknis PC 3
255	Increase the minimum number of commercial shrimp pots, or require a distance greater than 300 feet between first and last pot, before a buoy must be placed on each end of the longline in Registration Area E.	S/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage AC 5 ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Whittier AC 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	
256	Increase the minimum number of commercial shrimp pots before a buoy must be placed on each end of the longline in Registration Area E.	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage AC 5 ● Whittier AC 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	

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257	Amend the reporting requirements for the commercial shrimp pot fishery in Registration Area E.	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Craig AC 4 ● Anchorage AC 5 ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Whittier AC 20 ● Cordova District Fishermen United PC 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	
258	Close the commercial shrimp pot fishery in Prince William Sound.	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Birch Yuknis PC 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage AC 5 ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Mat-Valley AC 14 ● Whittier AC 20 ● Cordova District Fishermen United PC 5
259	Close the commercial shrimp pot fishery in Prince William Sound.	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Birch Yuknis PC 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike Sullivan PC 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anchorage AC 5 ● Central Peninsula AC 8 ● Copper River/PWS AC 9 ● Mat-Valley AC 14 ● Whittier AC 20 ● Cordova District Fishermen United PC 5

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260	Close the commercial shrimp pot fishery in Prince William Sound.	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birch Yuknis PC 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Sullivan PC 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anchorage AC 5 • Central Peninsula AC 8 • Copper River/PWS AC 9 • Mat-Valley AC 14 • Whittier AC 20 • Cordova District Fishermen United PC 5
Agenda Change Request and Board Generated Proposals (12 Proposals)					
268	Reduce the size of exploitable legal male Tanner crab, from 5.5 to 5.0 inches carapace width, for calculating total allowable catch in waters east of 166° W long. in the Bering Sea District.	N			
269	Amend the Norton Sound Section red king crab harvest strategy to develop a guideline harvest level for the winter and summer commercial seasons.	N/S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Norton Sound AC 15 • Southern Norton Sound AC 16 		
270	Change the duration of the Norton Sound winter through-the-ice commercial king crab fishery.	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Norton Sound AC 15 • Southern Norton Sound AC 16 S/A 		
271	Require four-inch mesh subsistence gillnets to be operated only as set gillnets in the Kuskokwim River during times of king salmon conservation.	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stony Holitna AC 1 • Bethel AC 6 • U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service PC 4 		

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272	Provide the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game emergency order authority to restrict gillnet length and other allowable gear during times necessary to conserve king salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage.	N/S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stony Holitna AC 1 ● Lower Kuskokwim AC 13 ● Central Bering Sea AC 23 ● U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service PC 4 ● Bering Sea Fishermen's Association PC 55 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grant Fairbanks PC 53 ● Orutsararmiut Native Council PC 54 ● Beverly Hopffman PC 57 ● Kuskokwim Native Association PC 58 ● Mike Rearden PC 59 ● Mike Leary PC 60 	
278	Allow subsistence fishermen to operate fish wheels without a livebox during times necessary for king salmon conservation in the Kuskokwim drainage.	N/S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fairbanks AC 11 ● Stony-Holitna PC 82/83 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service PC 4 	
273	Allow drift gillnet subsistence fishing after July 15 in the upper section of Yukon River Subdistrict 4-A for the harvest of summer chum salmon.	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fairbanks AC 11 ● U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service PC 4 S/A 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minto-Nenana AC 18 ● Tanana Rampart Manley AC 19
274	Allow subsistence fish wheel fishermen in the Yukon Area to retain king salmon when some harvest is justified based upon inseason run assessment.	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mid-Lower Yukon AC 10 ● Fairbanks AC 11 ● Minto-Nenana AC 18 ● Tanana Rampart Manley AC 19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service PC 4 	
275	Change the Naknek-Kvichak District boundary line at Graveyard Point as follows: 5 AAC 06.350(b)(1) would be amended to establish coordinates that correspond to the historical location of the upper Graveyard Point marker and factor in the significant shoreline erosion that is occurring.	S/N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ten Kley Smith PC 19 S/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harlan Bailey PC 17 	

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277	Board generated proposal to consider optimum escapement goals for Bristol Bay sockeye salmon.	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Conway PC 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George V. Hartley PC 20 • Pete Raynor PC 25 	
276	Redefine the method used to determine maximum overall length of salmon purse seine vessels.	S/N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kodiak AC 22 S/A • Kenneth Jones PC 26/66 • Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association PC 36 • Darrell Kapp PC 38 S/A • Beaver Nelson PC 77 • Leroy Cabana PC 79 • Kenneth Jones PC 26/66/81 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Kapp PC 35 • Bruce B. Weyhrauch PC 68 • Bruce Wallace PC 74 • ADF&G Boards Support PC 75 • Thomas S. McAllister PC 76 • Timothy J. Moore PC 78 • Buck Laukitis PC 80 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Chaney PC 21 • Robert Briscoe PC 22 • Daniel M. Patterson PC 34
202	Clarify measurement standards for the commercial salmon purse seine vessel length limit in the Southeastern Alaska Area.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darrell Kapp PC 38 S/A • Thomas S. McAllister PC 62/72 • Robert Briscoe PC 69 S/A • Doug Chaney PC 70 S/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Kapp PC 35 • Buck Laukitis PC 61 • Bruce B. Weyhrauch PC 68 • Ray Wadsworth PC 65 • Dan Patterson PC 67 • ADF&G Boards Support PC 75 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petersburg AC 2 • Kenneth Jones PC 26/66 • Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association PC 36/63/73 • Southeast Alaska Seiners PC 64 • Purse Seine Vessel Owners' Association PC 71
Proposal 44 from 2013–2014 Meeting Cycle (1 proposal)					

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44	Create state-waters walleye pollock management plans for Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas.	N/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kodiak AC 23 S/A ● Chignik Lagoon Village Council PC 33 ● Robert Nelson PC 37 ● Alaska Jig Association PC 39 ● Kenai River Sportfish Association PC 42 ● Mike Shupe PC 44 ● Matt Hegge PC 49 S/A / PC 51 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NOAA, NMFS PC 40 ● John M. McCarthy PC 52 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sand Point AC 22 ● Seldovia AC 24 ● Central Peninsula AC 25 ● Homer AC 26 ● Cooper Landing AC 27 ● Chignik AC 28 ● Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association PC 41 ● Alaska Groundfish Data Bank PC 43/44/48 ● Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association PC 42/45 ● Matthew Graham PC 46 ● Ron Naughton PC 47 ● Charlie Freeburg PC 50
Amphibians (2 Proposals)					
261	Modify prohibitions on importation and release of live fish to specifically address amphibians in Alaska.	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ahtna Incorporated PC 23 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sitka AC 3
262	Modify permitting requirements to specifically address the collection, transport, and possession of amphibians in Alaska.	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ahtna Incorporated PC 23 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sitka AC 3
Supplemental Issues (5 Proposals)					
263	Reduce the length of drift gillnet gear.	NA			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central Peninsula AC 8
264	Modify length of drift and set gillnets based on preseason sockeye salmon forecast.	NA			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central Peninsula AC 8

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265	Ban the use of live earthworms as bait in freshwater sport fishing.	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahtna Incorporated PC 23 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sitka AC 3 • Central Peninsula AC 8
266	Modify procedure for assigning observer coverage in king and Tanner crab fisheries.	N			
267	Repeal exception for use of footgear with felt soles while sport fishing in fresh water.	NA			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sitka AC 3 • Central Peninsula AC 8 • Kodiak AC 22 • Ahtna Incorporated PC 23